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8 BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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12 In the Matter of	)	FPPC No. 07/026
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14 AERA ENERGY LLC	)	STIPULATION, DECISION and
	)	ORDER
15 Respondent.	)	
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18 Complainant Michael B. Salerno, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission,  
19 and Respondent Area Energy LLC agrees that this stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the  
20 Fair Political Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

21 The parties agree to enter into this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this  
22 matter and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to  
23 determine the liability of Respondents.

24 Respondent understands, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives, any and all procedural  
25 rights set forth in Sections 83115.5, 11503 and 11523 of the Government Code, and in Section 18361.1  
26 through 18361.9 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the  
27 right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an  
28 attorney at Respondent's own expense, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the

1 hearing, to subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, to have an impartial administrative law judge  
2 preside over the hearing as a hearing officer, and to have the matter judicially reviewed.

3 It is further stipulated and agreed that Respondent Area Energy LLC violated the Political  
4 Reform Act by failing to disclose late contributions in properly filed electronic late contribution reports,  
5 in violation of section 84605 of the Government Code (3 counts), as described in Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 is  
6 attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and  
7 accurate summary of the facts in this matter.

8 Respondent agrees to the issuance of the decision and order, which is attached hereto.  
9 Respondent also agrees to the Commission imposing upon them an administrative penalty in the amount  
10 of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000). A cashier's check from Respondent in said amount, made  
11 payable to the "General Fund of the State of California," is submitted with this stipulation as full  
12 payment of the administrative penalty, to be held by the State of California until the Commission issues  
13 its decision and order regarding this matter. The parties agree that in the event the Commission refuses  
14 to accept this stipulation, it shall become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the  
15 Commission meeting at which the stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondent in  
16 connection with this stipulation shall be reimbursed to Respondent. Respondent further stipulates and  
17 agrees that in the event the Commission rejects the stipulation, and a full evidentiary hearing before the  
18 Commission becomes necessary, neither any member of the Commission, nor the Executive Director,  
19 shall be disqualified because of prior consideration of this stipulation.

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21 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael B. Salerno, Executive Director  
Fair Political Practices Commission

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Eugene J. Voiland, President and Chief Executive Officer,  
on behalf of Aera Energy LLC, Respondent

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Ross Johnson, Chairman  
Fair Political Practices Commission